GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3282
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ALLOWING PRIVATE OPERATORS TO LAY RAIL LINES FROM DEPOTS TO PORTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow private operators to set up rail lines to link their depots with ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the railways will allow private operators to use their tracks on hire charges or some other commercial stipulations; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed by railways to allow private operators to use their rail tracks from their depots to ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): Private depots through their sidings can be linked to ports by using Indian Railway / Port Railway network.

(d) & (e): Private depot owners are permitted to operate in their sidings.